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PLAMONDON NEWS

PLAMONDON. — The Plamondon C.Y.O. held their annual concert on Jan. 8 in the Plamondon hall.

Many visitors spent the holidays in and around the Plamondon district. Among those we noticed were Donald Plamondon of Foothills, Mr. Carl Raskavich of Foothills, Miss Mildred Plamondon of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Amiot of Foothills, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gauthier, Mr. Ovide Plamondon of Trail, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Tardif of Lac la Biche, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tardif of Lac la Biche, Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau of Frains, and Mr. and Mrs. L'-Heaureax of Egg Lake.

Miss A. McIntosh, R.N., Breynat, returned from his holidays in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Piquette of Venice spent the Christmas weekend around Plamondon.

Many other visitors were seen around, visiting here and there.

Mr. Damase Bouvier has returned to university after spending his Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Johnson spent the holidays at their home here.

In spite of the very cold weather many people attended the wedding dance held for the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Reni Bourassa who were married in Edmonton recently.

Mr. Gilbert Gudmunson was seen around for the wedding dance, with friends from Boyle.

It will soon be time to renew your yearly subscription to the Lac la Biche Herald. In order that you do not miss an issue, renew your subscriptions now. See your local reporter, she will be pleased to do this for you.

Mr. Alphonse Plamondon is sporting a new "A.R.", also Mr. Louis Ulliac of Gourin.

Mr. Elmer Plamondon was rushed to hospital on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Noe Bosse and son, and Mr. Paul Bosse and friend visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bosse.

BOYLE NEWS

BOYLE.—Mr. and Mrs. Gower Sr. have been spending the Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. B. Gower and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNamara are the proud parents of a nine pound baby boy, born Dec. 27.

Several persons returned to the old home town to celebrate Christmas with families and friends. Nora and Shirly Ball were home from Edmonton; Jack and Eleanor Whiteman from Calgary; Bill Bolyk from Calgary; Mary Andrewski from Grande Prairie; Nick Andrewski from Athabasca; Frankie Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Regnar Parsons from Evansburg; and several other persons.

Christmas Party

BOYLE.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Boyle Legion sponsored a well attended Christmas party for pre-school age youngsters.

Santa Claus paid a visit to the wide-eyed young ones and presented each with a gift and a bag of candy. A half hour program was put on by the grade one class.

Every Day Is "Washing Day" for Him



THIS MAN'S WIFE is not sick or on vacation, nor is he tackling a household wash in the manner a man might when substituting for his wife; he is spreading linen on the grass for sun bleaching. In Northern Ireland the method, called "on the green" bleaching, is still used for fine damask. Last year from its centre in Belfast the Northern Ireland industry sent the present-rate-of-exchange equivalent of $8,142,400 worth of its products to the United States alone as piece goods or finished articles.

VENICE NEWS

VENICE. — Mrs. Jean Piquette and daughter Laurette spent the New Year's visiting relatives and friends in Legal and Edmonton.

Mrs. M. N. Keehn, Lin and David Biollo are back from their Christmas vacation in Edmonton. With them came their niece Dianne Zallas. We hear that Dianne is to attend Venice school.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wood and Herby left for Calgary to attend his brother's funeral. Deepest sympathy to the family.

BONDISS NEWS

BONDISS—The Roski family had a reunion at Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Macland with their family journeyed from Edmonton to be present. Mr. and Mrs. James Clare and family were there from Radway. Miss Margaret Roski, a Varsity student, was home for the holidays.

Miss Ruby Oswald and fiance Donald McMillan, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oswald. George Oswald who is employed at Britain also returned home for the festive season.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Torkelson from Edmonton spent Christmas with Mrs. Torkelson's family, the Harrises. On returning to Edmonton they took a nephew James Currat, with them to enjoy a short holiday in Edmonton.

Miss Rena Ellefson from Edmonton spent Christmas with her family at Bondiss.

Escape Disaster

BOYLE. — The Seminuik family narrowly escaped disaster when a car in which they were travelling home from Edmonton over the holidays went over a 10-foot embankment.

Last year the federal government's purchase of butter abroad and buying of the domestic surplus potato crop cost Canada's taxpayers more than $2,500,000.

CASLAN NEWS

CASLAN.—Mr. A. Gordon has taken over the job of postmaster again. He was the first postmaster in Caslan and held that position until in 1946 when he resigned and Mrs. Sam Johnston took over the job.

Mr. E. W. Meyer and Wm. Wolansky were visitors in Boyle on Wednesday.

Mr. John Moshuk of Edmonton made a brief stop in Caslan en route to Hylo.

Due to drifting snow some roads have been plowed out so cars can get through.

AMBER VALLEY

In spite of the cold weather many turned out to the banquet held on Monday night, January 2. A very good programme was sponsored. Guest speakers, Mr. G. Godel, district agriculturist, and Mr. Earl Wrighto. Other speakers were Mr. J. D. Edwards, sponsor of the programme; Mr. James Brown, of California; Mr. Warren, school teacher; Mr. T. Mapp and Mr. O. Brown, school trustees.

The Young People's Club will be held in the school Friday night at 8:30. All members are asked to attend.

Arnold Edwards, the jockey, is back home again. During the summer he spent quite a little time in the east, Toronto and other places.

Rev. Albert Risby and family has motored through to Vancouver accompanied with them were Peggy and Unice Bowen.

Mr. Clinton Murphy, of Calgary, spent Christmas here with his folks. He has been living in Calgary for three years.

During the cold spell quite a few residents experienced frostbitten ears, hands and toes. Some potatoes have been prozen in local basements.

FREEDOM NEWS

What are all the girls going to do? All husbands and boy friends are working in lumber camps. The following females are on the loose —Mrs. Jack Wright, Mrs. Aino Carlson, Miss Alva Donnelly, Miss Elsie Carlson and Miss Erna Lihman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Olson are proud parents of a bouncing boy (Lloyde Cecile).

We wish Mr. Eddie Smith and Mrs. Clarence Anderson a speedy recovery. Both are in the hospital for operations. Also Mrs. Hubert Anderson and son Norman who are sick with measles.

Glorida Lazzer spent her Christmas holidays with her folks. She has now left for Vancouver to start work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Franchuk and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer and family spent Christmas with friends and relatives at Freedom.

To bad Franchuks had to loose so much time at Atmore on their way home from Freedom. What was the big attraction at Atmore, Mike?

Newspapers are just like women —both have forms—back numbers are not in demand—always have the last word—well worth looking over—have a good deal of influence—you can't believe all they say—there's small demand for the bold-faced type—every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbors.

Mr. Aino Carlson was one of the lucky winners at the New Year's midnight preview. He brought home with him a lovely smoker's stand.

In Canada a white woman who marries an Indian becomes an Indian legally and an Indian woman who marries a white becomes a white.

BRIEREVILLE NEWS

BRIEREVILLE. — The Christmas and New Year holidays are over. The school children are all back in school except for the ones having chickenjox.

The new year, 1950, brought the chickenjox to Ronald Whitford and Lana Thompson.

Lynn Whitford is back from the hospital. He was there for 15 days with a bad attack of pneumonia.

Robin and Walter Thompson and Andrew Gairdner motored to Briereville on the night of Jan 2. They heard of a dance which was just a rumor. So they visited at the home of H. Thompson.

There was a party at the home of Mrs. W. Henderson New Year's night. Everybody had an enjoyable evening.

Stanley Anderson has returned to work at Mile 137 after spending Christmas and New Year's at home.

KIKINO NEWS

KIKINO. — Everyone in Kikino spent a real good Christmas and everyone enjoyed the dance. New Year's was very much the same, everyone was happy and gay.

The Cromarty boys from North Kotzman were down to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives in Kikino.

Mr. Gen Haley's two sons were down for a few days visit with him.

Mr. Dedeluk spent his holidays in Lac la Biche.

The weather was really cold during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs Wilfred Laderonto were back for the holidays visiting with their parents.

Obituary

LAC LA BICHE.—Denny Wallace Bailey, better known as Dan, passed away on Dec. 30, 1949 in the St. Catherine's hospital, at the age of 67 years.

He was born in the U.S.A., came to Alberta in 1918. In the fall of 1932 he came to Lac la Biche with his wife where he has been working for the N.A.R.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his loving wife, five brothers C. M. Bailey, Calgary, Jack, Bill, Harry and Archie Bailey, all in the U.S.A., and two sisters, Mrs. Laurence Tibbit and Mrs. M. Potter, also in the U.S.A.

New District Settlers Delayed By Accident

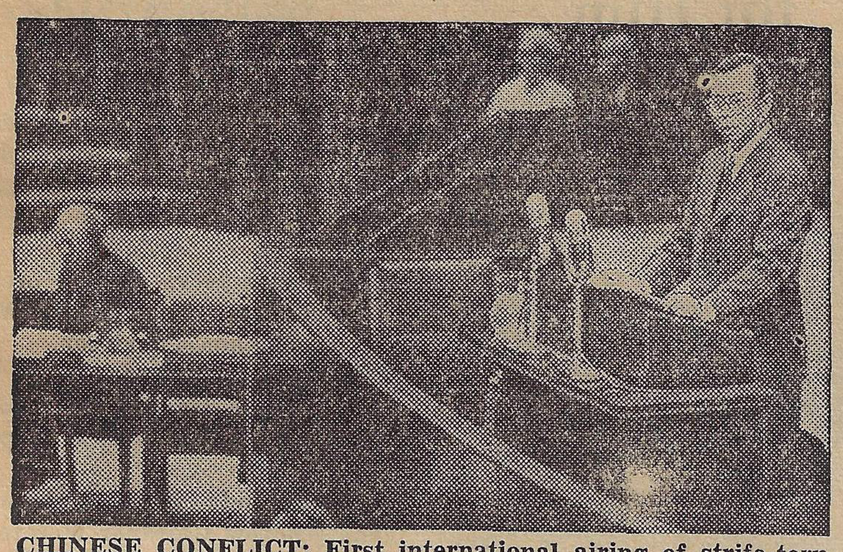
BOYLE. — Roman and Mary Chomiak, displaced persons from Europe are scheduled to take up residence here on the farm of John Sambrosky. Their arrival here has been delayed, however, through injuries they received in the train wreck at Southesk, Alta.

Mr. Chomiak suffered fractures and bruises and Mrs. Chomiak sustained abrasions. Their condition is good.

The couple were bound for Edmonton to visit Mr. and Mrs. Konstanie Talanchuk of 10708 107 street, Ukrainian friends they met in Belgium a few months ago. The Talanchuks met two trains before they learned their friends were in hospital after the wreck.

The Chomiaks planned to work on the farm of John Sambrosky after visiting in Edmonton.

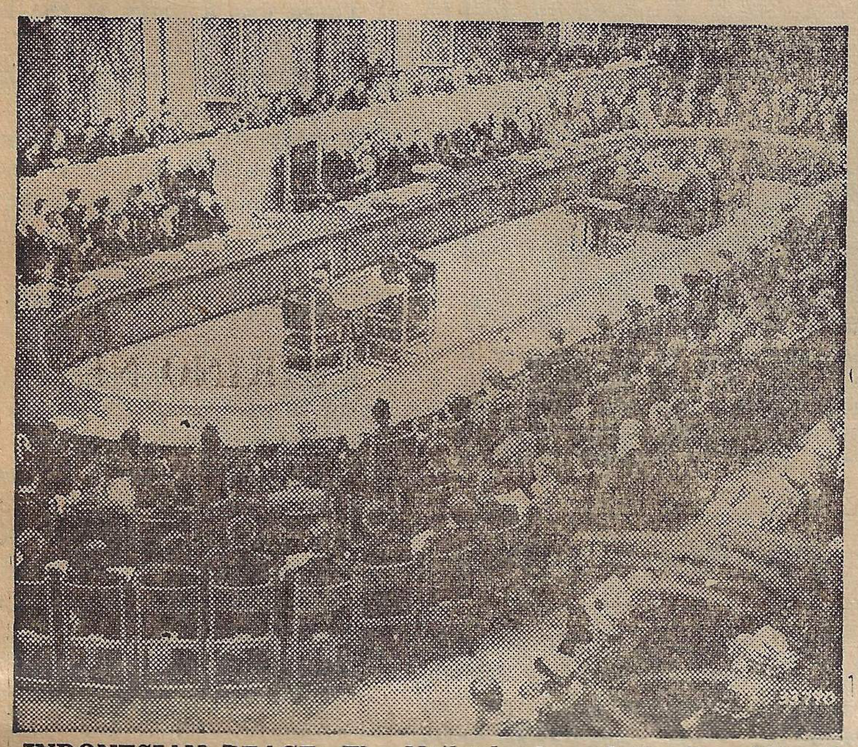
UNITED NATIONS—1949



CHINESE CONFLICT: First international airing of strife-torn China's political turmoil came in the U.N. General Assembly in October after Tingfu Tsiang of China charged the U.S.S.R. with supporting Chinese Communist forces in their campaign.



LAND OF ISRAEL: The recently-formed State of Israel was admitted as a full-fledged member of the United Nations in May. Israel's starred flag is shown flying in front of U.N. headquarters.



INDONESIAN PEACE: The Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia settled their long-standing conflict in November with U.N. aid. Shown here is the Round Table Conference at the Dutch capital of The Hague, where final agreement was signed.



ITALIAN COLONIES: Independence for two of Italy's former colonies, Libya by 1952 and Somaliland in 1960, was decided upon by the U.N. General Assembly. Here spokesmen of one of the groups concerned wait at a U.N. meeting to explain their desires.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: World-wide interest during the year backed U.N. planning for technical assistance to countries trying to develop their economies. How technical aid could improve peoples lives is seen in this picture of a Chinese farmer learning from an expert a new way to get more from his harvest.



CURRENCY DEVALUATION: The British pound, and subsequently, other currencies were devalued in September, following discussions with the International Monetary Fund. Shown at a Fund meeting are (left to right) U.S. Treasury Secretary Snyder, and Britain's Sir Ernest Rowe-Dutton and Sir Stafford Cripps.



BERLIN CRISIS: The blockade of the former German capital ended in May after agreement of "Big Four" representatives to U.N. Negotiators were the United Kingdom's Cadogan (left); the U.S.S.R.'s Malik; the U.S.A.'s Jessup; and France's Chauvel.

We Might Be

The naval research laboratory reveals that the panet we live on has a tail. It would be humiliating to discover that we are the fleas. —Detroit News.

Definition

Definition of a baby: The latest edition of humanity of which every couple think they possess the finest copy.—Consolation (Adelaide, South Australia).

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OLDTIMERS' TALES of PEAVINE

PART I.

Of particular interest to readers of the Onoway Westerner and the Lac Ste. Anne Chronicle, other readers too, however, who recall earlier Alberta days will enjoy reading Eustace Reddish's story of the Peavine Trail in the Sangudo district.

All the early settlers of the present Peavine district came in from Edmonton over the Belvedere-Mosside-Peavine road, and what a mixed crowd they were. Almost every nationality, trade and calling under the sun was represented by the eager settlers who thronged this road. Carpenters, bricklayers, ex-soldiers and sailors, coopers and tailors. All were there, and it is hard to say what calling was not represented, though it is certain that people with a farm background were in a tremendous minority.

In that respect they resembled the drummer who was stranded in a country community over the week-end. On Sunday he went to church, but as it was a hot day he dropped off to sleep. The preacher, noticing that his whole congregation was drowsy, determined to arouse them, and suddenly said, "All those who want to go to Heaven, stand up." Everybody stood up except the drummer. "Sit down," said the preacher, and then he said, "All those who want to go to Hell, stand up." The drummer was having a nice sleep, but the noise of the congregation standing up and then sitting down had aroused him, and he awoke just as the preacher said, "stand up." Immediately he stood up, then noticing that no one else of the congregation was standing, he realized that he had made a mistake. Looking at the preacher, he said, "I don't know what you are taking a vote on, Mr. Preacher, but it seems that YOU and I are a mighty big majority."

Farmers were indeed a minority among the tremendous influx of settlers who swarmed into the north-west at this time. It is easier to understand the rush to a newly-discovered gold area than it is to understand the rush to farm the bush country.

One glance at the country was enough to show that no quick, easy success awaited the newcomer, but on they came in a seemingly endless, confident stream. As a rule the first-comers selected the hay meadows, and then the rest looked the countryside over and took their pick of the available homesteads — all of which were timbered. In many cases it was necessary to clear a site for the first shack, yet each man thought that he had the best homestead in the west. Now it seems hard to appraise the spirit of optimism and confidence that was universal among the settlers of that time. Possibly at heart each individual had an urge to have a piece of land of his very own. This urge was almost impossible of fulfillment in the old lands, and had been dormant for generations, but with the opportunity that occurred at the beginning of the twentieth century, for cheap travel and emigration and the acquisition of so-called free land in Canada, this urge swelled up, burst its bonds and resulted in a great influx of immigrants to this country who came — whatever their previous trades or backgrounds — with the determination to get some of that "free land." But whatever the reason behind this mass movement, a portion of it came in an apparently endless stream along this trail, and by 1908 there was a post office at Peavine, and the road by this time was well defined. WELL DEFINED are the right words to describe this road. As I remember it, it was usually one long mud hole after another, particularly that portion of it that meandered through the bush from Twin Lakes, to Round Lake, to Chip Lake (now Romeo Lake) at Peavine. There were plenty of mud holes along the rest of the road west of Belvedere, but they were not so close together and often there were stretches of good dry land between the mud holes where one could rest awhile or camp for the night.

The best part of the road was east of Belvedere, where one crossed the Pembina on the ferry. That district had been settled a little earlier, some road work had been done, and by using two teams tandem the mail stage could make the trip from Riviere Qui Barre to Belvedere in a day. From Belvedere west the road was usually "vile," and the mail courier often had a hard time getting through, and at best it took a day and a half to go from Belvedere to Peavine, but often it was impossible for the mail to get through on schedule.

James and Andy Henderson of Peavine had the mail contract between Belvedere and Peavine, and they certainly frequently performed near miracles to make connections with the outgoing mail at Belvedere. There was traffic volume of incoming mail in those days, and the mail courier's democrat was always loaded to capacity when leaving Belvedere as he carried the mail for the intermediate post offices of Lawton and Mosside as well as the Peavine mail and mail for Roydale and Hathersage.

The Paddle River had to be crossed at Mosside, where Langmaid's store and the Mosside post office were located; and the Little Paddle about two and a half miles further west. The years when this district was being settled were extra wet, and these rivers, particularly the latter, were often in flood. The creek at Twin Lakes also had to be crossed and it, too, frequently overflowed its banks, washing away the bridge, so that at times it was necessary to take the mail over in a boat, swim the horse across and then drag the democrat across with a cable before the mail could proceed. It's difficult to keep schedules under such conditions.

During the first few years that we were at Peavine there was at least once every year when it rained for three days and three nights without stopping. Of course we couldn't say for certain that it had rained every minute that we were asleep, but when it was raining at bedtime, and it was also raining when we got up the next morning and there was no break in the clouds, then we assumed that it had rained all night. It was very wet in 1911 after the end of June. We lived in a tent that summer and at one time it rained steadily (to the best of our knowledge), for five days and five nights with only one intermission of about ten minutes duration. We had a minute portable stove which used methylated spirits for fuel and which was a godsend during this five-day rain as we were able to boil the kettle and make a cup of tea at meal times. The fuel gave out just about the time the rain quit, and then it was no easy matter lighting a fire outside as everything was saturated. This rain caused such bad floods that the mail was unable to get in or out for three weeks. Then the mail courier, James Henderson, made an attempt to get through, and my father went with him. After considerable trouble and delay they finally reahed the Little Paddle, west of Mosside, only to find the bridge washed out and the whole country under water. So they left the team and democrat at Fluetts, got Fluetts to take them and the mail across he valley in his boat, and then they carried the outgoing mail the two-and-a-half miles to Mosside.There they got a team and rig from the Mosside postmaster and storekeeper, Mr. Langmaid, and headed for Belvedere. The only team they could get was a team of mares, each with a young colt, and every time one of the colts saw a strange horse, it (or both), would rush away to get acquainted, and Jim would have to wade through the mud and chase it (or them) back to mother.

On this trip, too, they saw a homesteader using sleighs — he apparently found it easier to slip over the July mud with a sleigh than to get around with a wagon. This trip was one of the worst the mail courier ever experienced, it being midnight of the second day before they arrived at the Belvedere post office.

Gradually the road got better (better, of course, is only a relative term) and then the mail got through with its customary regularity, but at no time was it ever a picnic for the mail courier.

That part of the Peavine Trail between Cohn's on Lake Romeo and Twin Lakes was usually the worst. That is not surprising when one considers that it was only a trail just wide enough for a wagon cut through the dense poplar, and as the wagon wheels bounced over the tree roots across the road they dug in on the other side, and it wasn't long before a mudhole developed. Nothing was ever done to improve the road except that travellers would replace broken poles on the decks of the various bridges. One never travelled without an axe and logging chain, and when a mud hole looked too bad, one simply cut a few trees down so that he could get around it, and as few roads were more travelled than this, such places became very numerous. Naturally many settlers were novices with oxen on the trail and so had troubles that the more experienced managed to avoid. A few of them gave up before reaching their destination, selling their outfits for a fraction of their value and then heading back to Edmonton seeking an easier life.

Not many did that, most of them kept going and finally made out alright. I heard one settler who was three weeks making five miles between Twin Lakes and Lake Romeo. He would get stuck in a mud hole, unload all his freight on his wagon, pull out of the mud hole, load up his freight again and move ahead only to get stuck again a few yards further on and have to unload again. This happened time after time and the mail courier told me that he passed this man every mail trip for three weeks before he got out of the timber. Doubtless this man's team was overloaded and he was unwilling to leave part of his load by the roadside, being afraid it might be stolen while he went to his destination with a load his team could handle, and then return for that part of his load he had "cached."

It was not an uncommon thing for settlers, when they found they were overloaded on this bad stretch of road, to leave part of a load by the roadside and to pick it up later. It was perfectly safe to do in those days, and I never heard of anyone losing anything when he had to follow such a course.

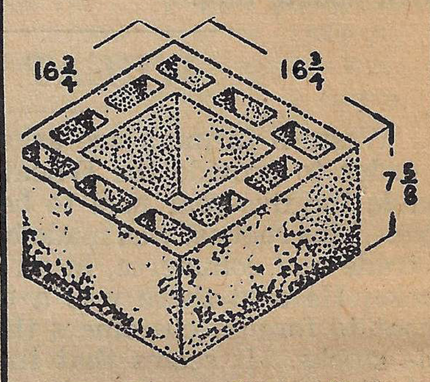
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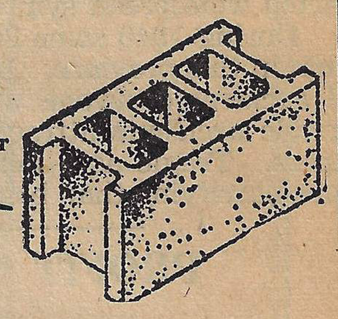
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WHAT'S YOUR GAME, MR. GORDON?

Residents of Alberta served by Canadian National Railways branch lines are going to have their railway service cut in half. Why? Because of a coal shortage. Where? Somewhere in Pennsylvania, or Ontario, or some other remote part of the world.

But someone ought to tell Donald Gordon, new president of the Canadian National that there is no coal shortage in Alberta. Alberta operators and miners are ready and willing to increase coal production to the limit to keep the wheels of railway and industry moving at a steady pace.

We suspect reduction in train services by Mr. Gordon at this time is not caused entirely by reduced coal supplies. The CNR has been losing money lately and Mr. Gordon has some sort of reputation as a financial wizard. So to maintain his reputation he is going to cut CNR service down, down, down until the National system shows a profit.

It doesn't matter to Mr. Gordon that the Canadian people will lack train service they are entitled to on their own government-owned railway. It doesn't matter, apparently that railroaders across the country will be thrown out of work.

And as he hasn't heard that Alberta has plenty of coal, he won't mind that the reduced train services in Alberta will reduce output of Alberta mines and throw miners out of work.

Alberta people can understand straight talk from national leaders. But reducing train services in coal-rich Alberta, and blandly excusing the action with talk of coal shortage is so much double talk.

WHEAT WANTED

Western farmers are asked to speed deliveries of wheat in order to provide the Wheat Board with ample supplies to enable the five-year pool to be cleaned up as quickly as possible. This request was made by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, in an interview given at Ottawa last week. He said there was a danger of Canada selling more wheat to foreign customers than can be supplied from available stocks. It seems that there is an excellent demand for Canadian wheat so far this season. The United Kingdom is taking 140 million bushels as per contract and many other nations have been avid purchasers, including Iraq, Iran, Israel, India and Japan. In addition, the domestic demand is substantial.

The volume of Canadian wheat available for export and carryovor is 319,100,000 bushels as compared with 330,300,000 last year. Under the International Wheat Agreement, Canada has contracted to supply 203 million bushels to participating importing countries.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Howe said there is a good demand both domestic and foreign, for Canadian flax, oats, barley and rye.

THE YEAR'S TRAGIC RECORD

Two miners were recently killed in a cave-in in a coal mine at Blairmore. This is a tragic occurrence which attracted widespread sympathy.

During 1949 some 20 farmers were killed in tractor accidents in this province. If the 20 had been killed in one dreadful accident everyone would have been horrified, yet these terrible accidents attract only a few lines in the daily newspapers. Tragic as a mine cave-in may be, nothing could be more horrifying than being run over by a farm one-way.

PROFIT FROM THE BIBLE

"Do you read the Bible?"

This question, asked in a crowd, would produce interesting replies if the truth were told.

There are some people who think themselves "superior," because they place scant reliance upon the book which is still the world's best seller. They fancy an independent aloofness but, in reality, there must be some other explanation for their failure to give the Word of God a trial on its merits.

Any number of our readers can, and will, testify to the great influence this book has exerted upon their lives. They know that its study has brought them values, not equalled by any other publication. As a matter of selfish "profit," basing their testimony solely upon "returns," they will utter thanksgiving for their Bible-reading habit.

Alberta has the most extensive coal deposits of any Canadian provinces.

Wherever birth statistics have been collected in Canada, they show an execess of males. Lucky girls!

Less than five per cent of live births in Canada are illegitimate.

Cancer has proven more deadly than any war. Doctors say it is not the increase but the higher statistics are due to earlier and better diagnosis than heretofore.

Dear Editor

LETTER TO GOD

In reading and meditating upon your editorial "Open Letter to Santa Claus," I am convinced that the things asked for are the right things, good things, and necessary for the epreading of the gospel of good-will, a gospel direly needed in the world of today.

However, I am also convinced that it has the wrong address. This is too bad for letters with the wrong address either remain uncalled for or go to the dead letter office. Surely such a letter asking, as it does, for a spirit of unselfishness, peace, integrity, tolerance, service, equity security, love to God and love to man (which I think represents a pretty good branf of Christianity), deserves a better fate.

Now as a cleryman I suggest you put on the proper address and let it be "a letter to God" in a form of a prayer for these things so necessary for human welfare and happiness. I think perhaps that is what you mean, anyway, but people do not think in terms of writing to God.

I did hear of one letter addressed to God, probably written by home little girl who had the right idea. This letter visited some of the world's capital cities, and finally was returned marked "address unknown." Full address is "Our Father Who Art in Heaven."

It is not merely to be critical that I write, but to stimulate a little more serious thought upon something very important embodied in the editorial. Why should it be thought strange to write to God?

Writing is a means of communication, even as speaking or music. We speak to God in prayer. Distance or locality is not always a deciding factor as to whether we write or speak, for writing is necessary for purposes of record. The authority of writing is greater than the spoken word if it is only signing your name. "Put it in writing" is good business procedure.

Records prove valuable, and should we have the courage to record our religious thoughts, emotions, desires and aspirations, such records would prove invaluable. A diary which many people keep records only what we do, but this record would be a record of motives and reasons and it is the motives which count most. Such a record would be part of ourselves and in some sense a duplicate of records kept in Heaven.

Letters give expression to individuality and uncover the soul. Letters are personal. Perhaps this is the reason we do not think of writing to God, we do not want to get too personal or too close to God. Why? Are we afraid of God? Why should we be unless there exists unpardoned guilt in the soul. The New Testament recognizes the necessity of a personal relationship.

Letters or parcels from friends give a thrill and bring joy and happiness. Gratitude will express itself in a thank you letter or some other means. Every good and perfect gift cometh from above. God gave His Son, He gives eternal life, He daily loadeth us with His benefits. A thank you letter would be in order.

Of course there are other letters we should write God. A bread and butter type letter, "Give us this day our daily bread." Some of us may need to write a business letter to God. What have we done with the gift of His Son? As free moral agents we can either accept or reject Him as our Saviour, but common decency demands that we give a reply.

A love letter is probably the best of all letters. When prayer is answered it ceases to be prayer and becomes correspondence. Correspondence is indispensable to the fullest development of personality. Perfect love casteth out fear, and into love there comes some sense of equality. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends." This is what gives an inner integrity to life, and triumphs over every competing way of life. It is the empty mind, the empty heart that listen to the siren voices.

Yours sincerely for a better world,
Rev. R. J. White,
Hughenden, Alta.

The first aircraft to fly cost the Wright brothers only $200.

Seven out of ten Canadian homes are wired for electricity.

Australia, geologically, is the oldest continent.

Two Hills: Success Story

One of the last sections of railway to be built before the dawn of the Great Depression in 1930, was the C.P.R. line between Edmonton and Lloydminster via Two Hills. It spanned the length of Eagle Municipality which has offices in Two Hills. As an area that had been only recently settled, when other sections were at least one generation old, the village of Two Hills had a hard, uphill battle in the short 20-year period between the wars.



T. W. Pue

While scores of other points had railways and newspapers Two Hills had none. The reason was easy to find. Sparsely settled, the railways did not see at the time prospect of good profits; and with most of the settlers from Europe with little or no knowledge of the English language, no printer could be interested in establishing at Two Hills.

A LIVE-WIRE COMMUNITY

In 1928 the railway came and with it more settlers. These new Canadian farmers worked hard and so have their sons and daughters. The consequence is that when war in 1939 brought demand for good farm crops with good prices the farmers of Eagle Municipal District were ready to deliver the goods. The district ,and the towns within it have prospered. Even in the past five years since I was last in Two Hills I see about 100 per cent improvement.

PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

In addition to the municipal district office in Two Hills there is also a large public school, school division offices, municipal hospital, several fine garages, recreation hall and a fine, modern "LUX" theatre.

There are also many good stores, including a prospering Co-op store, cold storage locker plant, modern hotel and good restaurants, drug store and other business places.

There is an active Board of Trade. The local barrister, Michael Ponich is Social Credit member in the Alberta legislature. There is a dry cleaning plant and photographer's shop.

All this, and much more, in a village that didn't even have train service to Edmonton twenty-odd years ago!

WANTED: ONE NEWSPAPER

It isn't hard to understand that such an enterprising community as Two Hills would also want a newspaper. The Board of Trade and the Municipal District Council have been working towards this end for some years. Now their efforts in this respect have ended in success with the establishment of the Two Hills Reporter.

The first issue of the Reporter goes to press this week. It joins with other enterprising Alberta villages and towns for which Community Publications publishes the weekly paper.

Besides local news, the Reporter will publish all news of the Municipal District, Health Services, School Division and Agricultural Service Board. It will be sent to all ratepayers in the trading area of Two Hills.

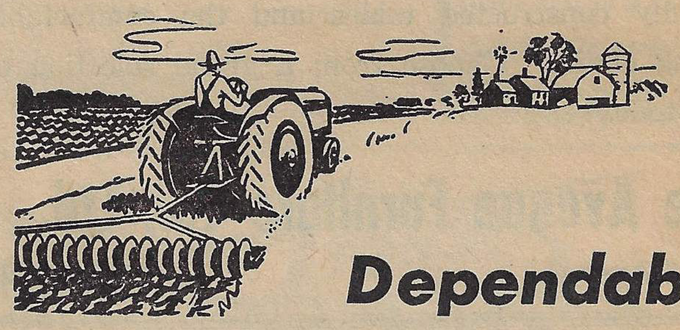
P.S.: I saw the two hills from which Two Hills gets its name. Now I can hardly wait to see the hairy hill of Hairy Hill fame.

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Order advertisements and subscriptions through Local Editors, Reporters, Postmasters or direct to Community Publications, 10815 Whyte Avenue, Edmonton.

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FOR SALE — Late 1947 model Studebaker light delivery truck. 19,500 actual mileage. Four-speed transmission, 6.50x16 six-play heavy duty tires. First class condition. Apply D. L. Ovans, Sangudo. C N-12-TF

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FOR SALE — Oliver Superior 16-run new type Double Disc, 7-in. spacing, Fertilizer Attachment, used only 2 years. Apply John Leiske, Beiseker, Alta. C J-7-14

FOR SALE — The following lands for cash sale: N.W. quarter of 34-41-8 with 60 acres in cultivation. N.W. quarter of 5-42-8 with a 100 acres in cultivation. S.W. quarter of 36-42-8. N.W. quarter of 16-40-8 with 64 acres in cultivation. Apply Alex. Seright, Amisk, Alta. C J-14-21-28.

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WANTED

WANTED — All your old shoes tc be rebuilt into handsome, comfortable footwear to give you miles of carefree walking service. Send them to CORONA SHOE RENEW, 10756 Jasper Ave., Edmonton. C Jy10-tf.

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LOST

STRAYED — 2-year-old heifer on to property of Joe Bosch, Beiseker, Alta. Owner apply at this address. P J-7-14

Lac la Biche W.I. Hold Annual Meeting

LAC LA BICHE — The annual meeting of the Lac la Biche W.I. was held in the Dr. Swift School on Wednesday, December 21st, with 28 members and one former member present.

Mrs. Lett gave a report on the bowling match between the W.I. and men's bowling league, and it must be admitted that the ladies put up a good showing against such odds.

Thanks were extended to those who did such a good job of decorating tables, etc., for the banquet held on December 1st.

Mrs. Lett also extended thanks on behalf of the members to the past secretary-treasurer for her services.

Eight members of the W.I. Girls' club were present and after the business of the evening had been dispatched, entertained with songs, recitations and a short play.

The followin gofficers for 1950 were elected by acclamation:

President, Mrs. T. B. Lett.

Vice-president, Mrs. W. Cadzow.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Storey.

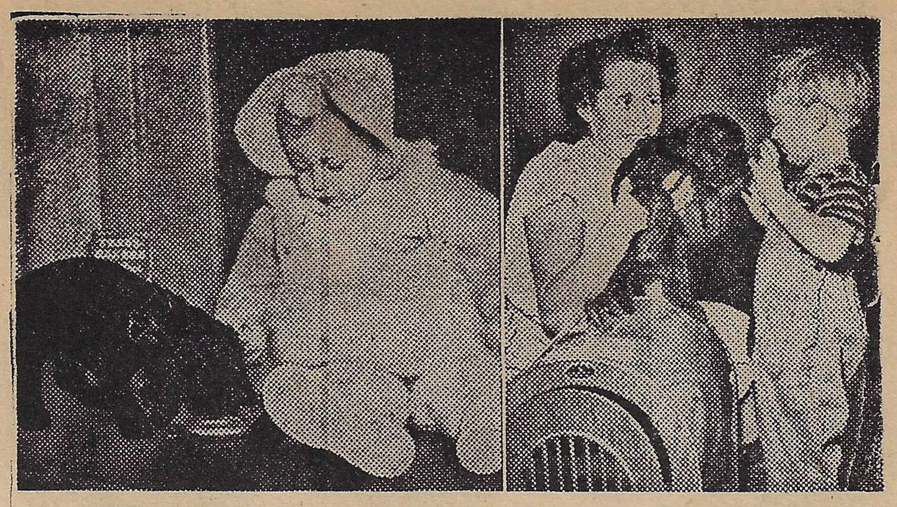
At the close of the meeting the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. W. Dumas, Mrs. M. Maccagno and Mrs. R. Michetti served a most delicious Christmas lunch.

The first cross on top of Mount Royal was planted in 1643.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for their kind and sympathetic words, and kind deeds and the beautiful flowers. Special thanks to the Zinko and the Kelly families for calling every day and giving their help during our sickness and my sorrow.

—Mrs. Nancy Bailey,
Lac la Biche. C J-14



MAUREEN ALLASTON of MONTREAL is shown bidding goodbye to "Lucky Lady" prior to the pup's departure via Trans-Canada Airlines to DEAN AULT, age 2½ of SEATTLE, shown above with his mother receiving "Lucky Lady" in Seattle. Dean is threatened with the loss of his eyesight. The following note accompanied the pup: "Dear Dean: Here is a little gift from me to you. Hope it will make you happy, too. God's blessing now I ask for you for a speedy recovery. All my love, Maureen Allaston. 2161 Cadillac St., Montreal, Que."

LAC LA BICHE NEWS

Mr. H. Swift, local station agent , has returned to his duties after a recent illness. Mr. C. J. Swanson of the N.A.R. has returned to Waterways.

Mrs. W. Dumas went to Edmonton to visit her daughter, Mrs. Daucler and family.

Mr. D. Steeple went to the city on business.

Mrs. R. Glaim and son Grant went to Cold Lake to visit Mrs. Claim's parents.

Mr. Gabe Rosychuk, operator of the N.A.R., was a week-end visitor to Smoky Lake.

Mr. Win Camble was here recently.

Mr. Paul Peltier is here after being in British Columbia for some time.

LAC LA BICHE MISSION NEWS

Romona Routhier came from St. Lina. She passed her holidays with her parents and departed for home on January 8th.

Germain Routhier and his brothere Eugene returned to Mile 37 for the winter after spending the holidays with their parents.

George and Audre Cloutier arrived home from Normandeau to spend the winter with their parents.

Jeanne Cloutier has returned to her employment at Atmore. She also passed the holidays with her parents.

Adrieu Thomas was here on his holidays. He was happy to meet his relations and old friends.

Evelyne Thomas visited her parents during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Gerard and Alphonse Bourget visited their parents recently. They will return to their work soon.

Mr. Lucien Bourget and Mr. D. Vareche will stay with their families for a while.

Melly Ladouceur and his wife Bonnie were here for their vacation. They are going back to Carbondale at an early date.

Mrs. L. Cyr, from Quebec, is spending the winter with her parent, Narcisse Ladouceur. She is accompanied with her two daughters.

Francoise Waite, of Edmonton, is visiting her relations for a few weeks.

Rev. G. Minard officiated at the midnight mass on Christmas eve at Normendeau.

Alfred Langevin and his friend, Miss Tatum, arrived Thursday on a business trip.

Library Fees To Be Reduced

LAC LA BICHE — Starting January the first, library fees will be reduced to twenty-five cents for six months. We will do our best to get any special books that you ask for.

The library now has five hundred and ninety-five books.

It is open to the public every Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Cannought Tunnel through Mt. Macdonald in the Rockies is more than five miles long.

Rev. Sister St. Gatien visited her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. F. Boucher and her son Vital departed recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hannerson, of Edmonton, visited the Hogan brothers over the holidays.

Arthur Boulanger and his wife and daughter, of Atmore, visited here over the New Year's holiday. They were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Routhier and were accompanied by Marriette Routhier.

Mr. and Madame A. Fortier and family were visiting their relations at Atmore on New Year's.

George Ladouceur and Charlie Boucher left recently to fish at Trout Lake. They will be away two months.

HOSPITAL NEWS

In hospital during the week: Elmer Plamondon, of Plamondon. Mrs. George Langenin, of Lac la Biche. John Kostyk, of Prosperity. John F. Chambers, of Grassland. Mrs. Steve Hamar, of Lac la Biche. Mrs. Earl Kanzig, of Grassland. Edmond Tardif of Lac la Biche Mission. Millie Webber of Lac la Biche. Charlie Mitchell of Lac la Biche.

WEATHER

	Max.	Min.
January 2	—21.9	—35.3
January 3	—12.3	—36.3
January 4	—10.9	—21.4
January 5	—11.8	—36.8
January 6	— 9.2	—24.6
January 7	—24.0	—29.1
January 8	—15.0	—24.6

Coast - to - coast radio programs are not "broadcast" in the way most people imagine. An air show from one city is "piped" by railway telegraph lines to individual radio stations across the country and "aired" locally from each of them.

Toyko Population Is Now 6,019,133

TOKYO. — Tokyo's population has climbed back to 1,019,133, making it one of the world's largest cities, according to a survey taken by the city authorities.

Alhough Tokyo in 1938 had 6,830,523 people, it was reduced to only 3,488,000 just after Japan's surrender.

The authorities say 40,000 Japanese are moving into the capital every month, almost all settling in the bombed-out areas.

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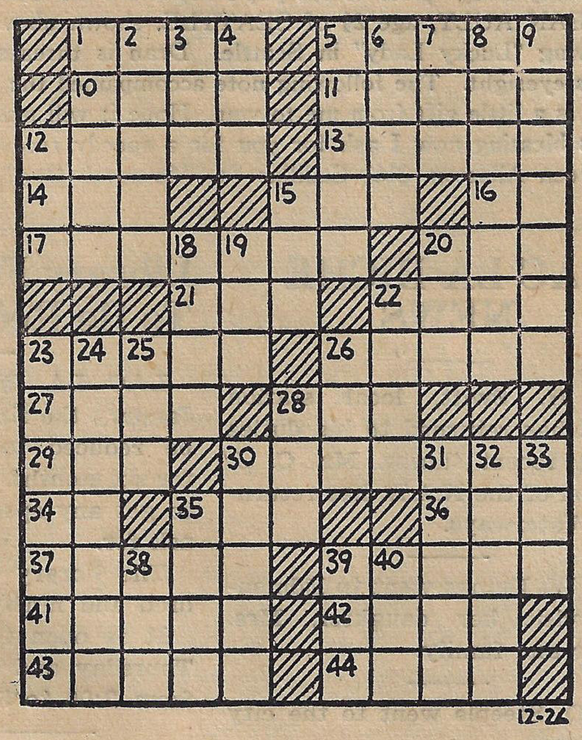
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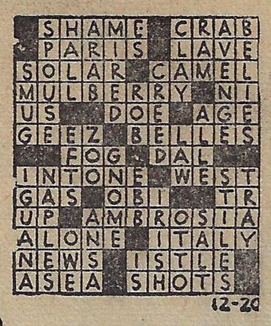
1. Independent passage (Mus.)
5. Quick
10. Hebrew measure
11. Ascended
12. Cooks, as in fat
13. Labors
14. Newt
15. Not many
16. Like
17. Dusting cloths
20. Uncle (Dial.)
21. Topaz humming-bird
22. A dam
23. Metal mounting of a scabbard
26. Tinged (poet.)
27. Immense
28. Kettle
29. Undivided
30. Taste organs
34. King of Bashan (Bib.)
35. Turf
36. Cyclades island
37. Wooden shoe
39. Young women
41. Appearing as if eaten
42. Poker stake
43. Ecclesiastical council
44. Wharf

DOWN

1. Greek island
2. Leaves out
3. River (Eng.)
4. Land-measures
5. Values
6. In a row
7. Hawaiian food
8. Mohammedan
9. A sweet at end of a meal
12. Nourished
15. Friar's title
18. Narrow, woven strip
19. Evening (poet.)
20. Even (poet.)
22. Ala
23. Selects
24. Republic (C. Eur.)
25. Grow old
26. Convert into leather
28. Seed vessel
30. Carried
31. Join
32. Kind of duck
33. Distress signal
35. Passable (hyphen.)
38. Japanese holiday
39. Chart
40. Keel-billed cuckoo



Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



12-20

OLDTIMERS' TALES OF PEAVINE

(Continued from Page 3)

load of potatoes from Moore at Twin Lakes, but the road was so bad that we made no effort to get them until October 24th, when we set out on the eight-mile trip to Twin Lakes with a big team of oxen and wagon. The first three miles to Cohn's was not too bad, but once we entered the poplar brush we found the road so muddy that we decided that we'd never be able to get back with a load, so we turned back and went home. After severe night frosts during the next week we decided to make another attempt on October 31st, and this time we got through, loaded up, and started back about 2:00 p.m. I do believe that the oxen would have got us home that night, but just as we were about to enter the Peavine Trail two four-horse teams, driven by Nelson and Hanson went by and they delayed us. In the morning we had felled poplar trees to enable us to go around bad mud holes. The horse teamsters naturally were unaware of this, and so were unable to take advantage of our "cutoffs" as their lead team was always beyond our turnout place before they noticed it, and so they tried to go through the mud holes on the trail and frequently got stuck. This, of course, lost a lot of time and the result was that when darkness came one of their wagons was stuck in a mud hole. We were just behind them and we hadn't even got as far as Round Lake, which was half way between Twin Lakes and Cohn's, at Lake Romeo.

Nelson and Hanson had a tent, horse feed, etc., with them and were prepared to camp out, but we were not as we only were eight miles from home. It was a cold night and so we kept two good fires going to keep us warm and to keep the potatoes from freezing. All we had to eat was roast potatoes for both supper and breakfast, and the poor oxen had to be satisfied with potatoes also. As soon as it was light we all got going again and were soon at Round Lake where we stayed a while to let the oxen drink and fill up on the grass by the lake. Mrs. Nelson gave us a cup of coffee and never did coffee taste better. We hitched up and started before the horse teams, had an uneventful five-and-a-half mile trip home where a good feed awaited both us and the oxen, and from where we saw the horse teams pass two hours later.

(To Be Continued at a Later Date).

Heard It?

We want to be sure that you have heard about the Scotsman who gave his girl a watch case for Christmas, and then the next Christmas he gave her the works. —(U.S.S. Reins Hercedes Galleon).

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I Resolve That . . . .

This is the time of the year for New Year resolutions. What better resolutions can you make than to plan your housework so you have more time to yourself? Probably you spend at least one-third to one-half your day preparing, serving and clearing away meals, so why not start off by refusing to spend hours in the kitchen cutting, chopping, stirring and cooking foods which will have little nutritive value by the time they are served? Plan to serve simple meals which not only taste good, but contain a sufficient amount of all foods for good health.

Here are some ways to cut corners in meal preparation but not the corners of a square meal:

1. Take a look at your kitchen. Do you have your cooking utensils and baking supplies stored where you use them, or do you walk miles every time you bake a cake because nothing is handy? If so, take time to re-arrange your supplies.

2. Plan your work ahead of time so that you make best use of your time. For example, the night before you churn, bring in the cream so that it will be the right temperature, rather than waste time churning cream that is too cold.

3. If you use a food chopper a great deal, put sandpaper, gritty side up, under the chopper to prevent it slipping off the table.

4. Keep brown sugar soft by storing it in a covered container with half a carrot or apple, or, store it in a mason top jar, keeping a water-soaked piece of cardboard in the jar cap.

5. Measure to see how much the top of your vanilla bottle holds. Then use it as a measure instead of dirtying another measuring spoon.

6. Keep standard measures in all your staple foods. Pat a measuring cup in your flour and sugar containers, a tablespoon in your coffee, teaspoons in your tea canister and baking powder can.

7. Use an egg beater to remove lumps from gravy and cream sauce, or to make curdled custard smooth again.

8. Put a paper serviette or soft newspaper in the strainer when emptying the teapot. Pick up the paper and discard. There will be no leaves to stick to the strainer.

9. Keep a small jar with tightly fitting lid on hand in which to blend flour and liquid for thickening gravies and sauces.

10. Use easy methods to eliminate work. Try new, quick mix methods for cakes. Use one cup to measure several ingredients. Serve oven meals to save continual watching and stirring while baking.

11. If you haven't a bake board, use a piece of canvas on which to roll out biscuit and pastry dough. Dough doesn't stick to canvas easily. After you have finished rolling out your dough, simply fold up the canvas and put it away until next time. This saves you washing off the kitchen table every time you make pies or biscuits.

12. Instead of rolling out cookies, drop the dough from a spoon on the greased baking sheet. Then flatten the balls of dough with a damp cloth stretched tightly over the flat bottom of a water glass.

13. Prepare foods, that can be stored without losing food value, in large quantities. These include salad dressings and baking mixes. Mix dry ingredients and fat for a large guantity of pastry or baking powder biscuits. Keep covered in a cold place. When needed, add the liquid required for the amount being used. Besides saving you time, using pie mix may help you make better pastry, for if you have added too much liquid, you add more pie crust mix instead of more flour. In this way you keep the proportion of flour and shortening right. In preparing baking mixes, the dry ingredients should be thoroughly mixed when they are measured. Several siftings are necessary.

If you would like recipes for prepared baking mixes write to Miss Ruth Whaley, Dept. of Agriculture, 9817 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alta., for your copy of "Kitchen Quick Tricks."

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ST. ALBERT NEWS

ST. ALBERT. — Taxi driver, Ed La Casse met John Albrecht of Villeneuve, head-on one noon at the Hotel Corner. There was only slight damage to the cars. A large delivery truck obstructed the view of the drivers.

Armand Himshoot drove off into the ditch near Neil Ross' when going up the slippery hill. He suffered a broken nose.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Perreault, a son, Sunday Dec. 25.

Mrs. Clara P. Paquette is in hospital with an injured elbow.

Mr. Laderoute was in bed a few days with pleurisy.

Mr. Ted Atkinson is in the Misercordia hospital again.

Little Simone Arnault and Bernard Bourgois' boy are both in hospital, pneumonia patients.

The two little Bussche children are in hospital with a mouth disease.

Aurele Durocher's son had an appendix operation last week.

Christmas visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cuts were the R. Gaunce family, Mrs. Barnett, Mr. P. V. Tricker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Diduck, all of Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. Gaunce, Sr., Sylvan Lake; Mrs. Noyes and Lorette Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skakum and daughter Lila of Holden were guests at Dr. Cuts' home Dec. 27.

Namao Badminton Club entertained the St. Albert Club at St. Albert on Sunday recently in games and lunch. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed.

Christmas dinner guests at J. Ronaults' were Mr. and Mrs. P. Girard and boys from Fort Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. Lefebrve and children of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Vague and family.

On Monday, Dec. 26, H. E. Vagues had as dinner guests Mrs. G. Lindberg, Messrs. Melvin, Lloyd, Wallace Lindberg and Eileen Lindberg of Edmonton, and Stanley Lindberg of Kingman, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sumner entertained at a party at their home Christmas eve. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Gervais, Lorette Ross, Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Leclair, Dr. and Mrs. Cuts, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ronault, Mrs. J. Harrold, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ross, Lorne Akins.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Ross and family spent Christmas at D. Kellys in Edmonton.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Leclair for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carruthers of Bon Accord and Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrold and family of Namao, and Lorette Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Raboud spent Christmas in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Barry and family had Christmas eve with Enoch Loveseths in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vague spent Christmas eve with the Lindbergs in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barry and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Barry and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Barry and children spent Christmas day with the Fielhaubers of Stony Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hauptman and son Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hauptman and Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Hauptman and twins spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mis. Wituk at Lamont.

On Christmas eve the families of Joe Hauptman, Kelly Hauptman and Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon were among the guests at the home of Stan Hauptman.

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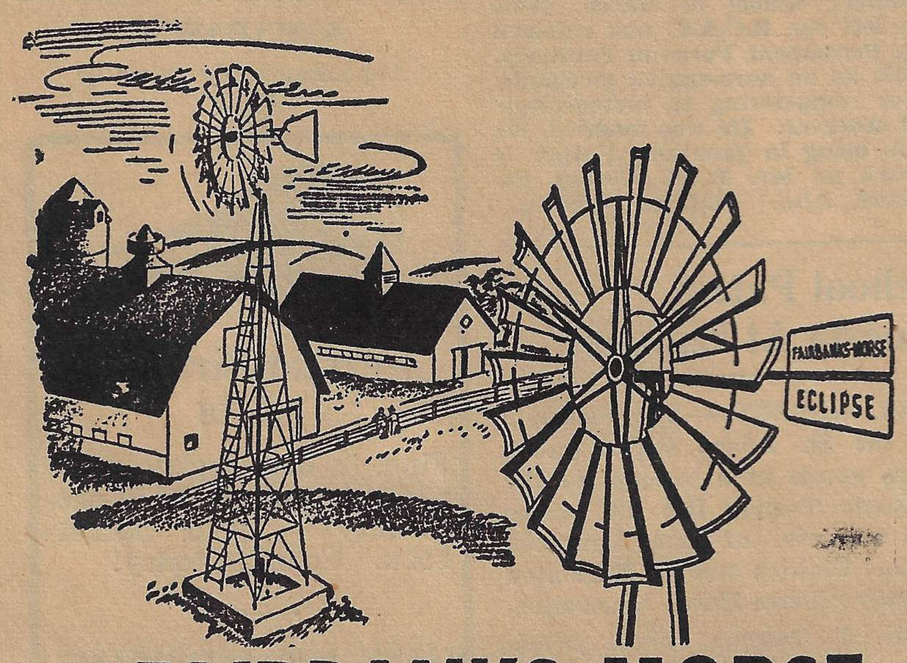
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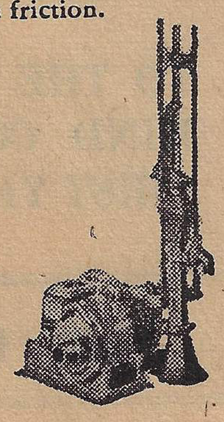
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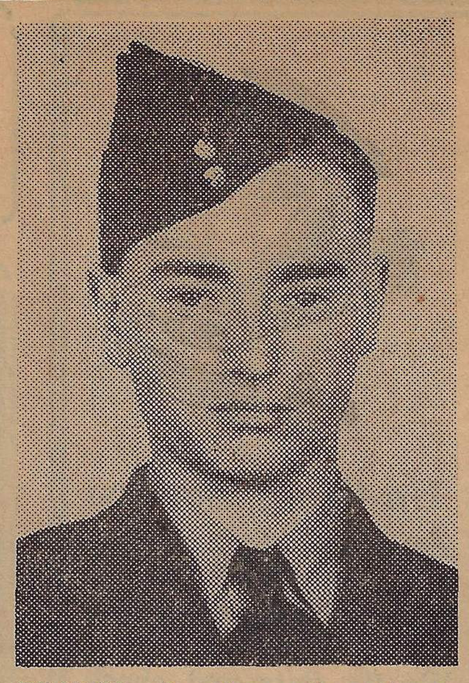
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PL48297. Leading Aircraftsman William Garnett Nesom, RC.A.F., of Wetaskiwin, Alta., and Trenton, Ont., was one of four servicemen killed in the crash of an R.C.A.F. twin-engine Mitchell aircraft near Trenton. Ont., Sunday, Dec. 11. Born in Bishopton, Durham, England, in November, 1925, he attended public school at Doverly, Sask., and Eagle Creek, Alta., and high school at Bowden, Alta., and Vegreville, Alta. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in January 1944, and was trained as an air gunner, winning his wing at MacDonald, Man., Bombing and Gunnery School in March, 1945. He left the R.C.A.F. and rejoined the Permanent Force in February, 1949. as an aero-engine mechanic. later remustering to meteorological observer. He was married, his wife being in Trenton. Father is shown as Mr. T. H. Nesom, St. Albert, Alta. (R.C.A.F. Photo).

Curling Rink Officially Opened

ST. ALBERT. — The curling rink was officially opened Dec. 26, after the building committee reported on the work and finances. Arrangements were made for the payment of $1,200 still needed to pay all bills.

At 1.00 p.m. Dec. 27 the Mixed Bonspiel got under way to introduce the game to all. Over 30 rinks were organized—very few have curled. Come all and learn the game. After this bonspiel a regular schedule will be drawn up for those wishing to join. The fees for men are $10.00. Ladies, $6.00.

Members of the building committee were elected to carry on as officers of the Curling Club for 1950.

A nice warm waiting room is there for the use of those who wish to watch the games.

Morinville Lost In Close Scoring

MORINVILLE. — Edmonton Meltons paced by Kort's sparkling "hat trick" edged Morinville 5-4 in an Edmonton and District Intermediate "B" Hockey League game played Friday night at Varsity Arena. Highlands won the second game of the scheduled doubleheader by default when Fort Saskatchewan failed to show up.

Warring and Paulson collected the two other Melton goals, while Ingram, Chalifoux, Dauzich and Morgan scored for Morinville.

Kort, a product of Rosetown, Sask., put Meltons out in front three times with his three-goal effort, once in each period.

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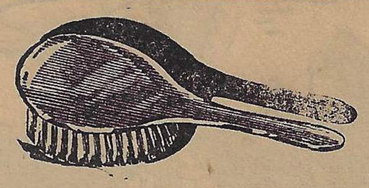
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School Patrol Guests At Banquet

ST. ALBERT. — The members of the St. Albert school patrol were guests at a banquet in the Masonic Temple Dec. 28, under the auspices of the Sturgeon School Division and the Edmonton branch Alberta Motor Association.

Mr. T. Tetreau, school principal, attended with Viola Nesom and Melba Borle. P. McDonald and W. Bocock were unable to go.



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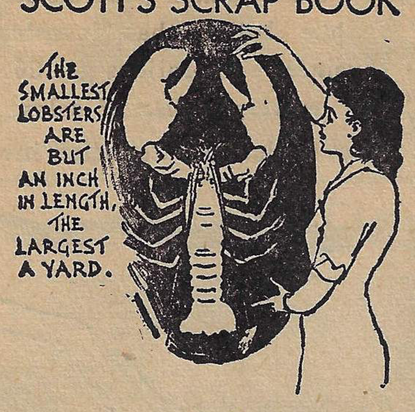
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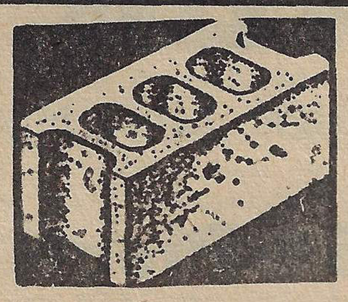
All farmers who have to buy seed should do so without delay. This is the shortest seed year since 1937, and Alberta's Field Crops Commissioner A. M. Wilson, warns that the limited amount of good quality oats and barley grown in the province this year should be used for seed and not for feed. This will be possible only if farmers who need seed arrange to buy now.

The man who has good oats and barley for sale can dispose of it readily and unless our own farmers make known their requirements now much of this good quality grain will leave the province. Good seed oats are needed in eastern Canada and large quantities of good barley have a market in the United States. To the farmer who has to buy seed this means that every delay in purchase will make the problem of obtaining seed of suitable quality more difficult.

Those who have grain that can be cleaned to seed grade should make use of it, but make sure that the germination is satisfactory. If you have to buy, ask your District Agriculturist, Municipal Supervisor, or Municipal Secretary about seed available locally. If there is no seed in the district, see your elevator agent. Grain companies have always helped in supplying seed and they will bring in carloads of seed if farmers place their orders early. Delay is dangerous. Make sure of seed supplies now

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Edmonton M.P.'s Report To Association

EDMONTON — The Edmonton Liberal Association heard from the two Ottawa members at a recent meeting, their news and views from the capital. Members also aired views of their own and passed 11 resolutions to point their ideas on record.

Delegates' expenses to the annual convention in Calgary, February 1st and 2nd, and fixing of the convention city as either Edmonton or Calgary made up two of the resolutions.

In the provincial and federal field, pensions for unsupported widows without means were recommended to be given at 60 years of age. The incurables and maimed not supported by the Workmen's Compensation Act, pension for the blind, or the old age pension, were recommended pensioned or given relief similar to that provided for the blind.

A recommendation to increase the old age pension to that given to the pensioners of British Columbia was passed but came under lengthy debate from the floor. An amendment from the floor which would have abolished the means test was defeated. A resolution was passed which recommended that all Canadian citizens be given the right to use the census records as proof of age when birth certificates are unavailable.

Recommendation that the Alberta government relax certain restrictions in regard to the federal plan of hospitalization was made. The present system of hearing family non-support cases in magistrates' courts was recommended changed to a system where cases would be heard in private.

The meeting was opened to motions coming from the floor. A recommendation was made which would change the present divorce laws, passed but met opposition from women present. The second motion from the floor to be passed, was to endorse the principle of Dr. H. H. Hannam's plan on disposition of world food surpluses.

A. Fred Macdonald, federal member for Edmonton East, expressed his pleasure on being able to meet old acquaintances and went on to point out the duties of a federal member. He said that he thought that it was right that elected members came before constitutents and explained the stands they had taken in Ottawa.

"Life at Ottawa was inense but worth while," said Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Macdonald explained that in a short time he would give a full report to the association but he was not allowed time to go into details during this meeting.

George Prudham, M.P. for Edmonton West, was called on to give his impressions of life at Ottawa. He gave his picture of some of the colorful members of the house. He remarked on the progress of the city and the enthusiasm he had noted for Edmonton's progress.

"Most of us fail to realize the good thing we have in the city of Edmonton," said Mr. Prudham.

J. Harper Prowse, provincial leader of the Liberal party, told the meeting of the impending decisions which delegates to the provincial convention will have to make.

Election of delegates to the provincial convention was postponed to January 17th when the association will meet again.

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$1,500,000 Damage Claim Is Significant Action

The action of three Leduc farmers each asking $500,000 damage claims to their quarter-sections is significant in the minds of oil men and legal counsel. The spotlight in the action will be on the technicality of whether natural gas is automatically included with petroleum and mineral rights.

Three owners of the 160-acre farms located in the Leduc oil fields, who claimed the natural gas rights on their property, have filed separate damage claims totalling $1,500,000 against the Canadian Pacific Railway and Imperial Oil Ltd., in Supreme Court.

The individual plaintiffs are John Hamala, Leduc district, Jos Rilozer, Calmar and John Kobylokp, Glidehurst.

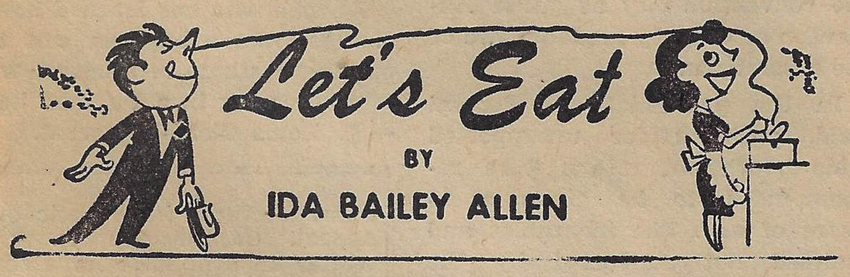
They asked the court for judgment declaring each to be the owner of the natural gas within, upon, or under, their respective farms; for an injunction restraining the CPR and Imperial Oil from drilling for, using or wasting the natural gas, and for $500,000 damages each.

The land in question was originally owned by the CPR and when the company sold the land it retained the rights to coal, petroleum and valuable stone upon the respective properties.

The CPR has leased the petroleum rights to Imperial Oil and both claimed that the word "petroleum" included natural gas. The three farmers claimed that natural gas was an entirely separate product and allege that Imperial Oil had threatened to drill and use the natural gas without any agreements with them.

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Apple-Raisin Stuffing for Goose

Melt ¼ cup bacon fat. Add two quarts well-washed, diced, tart apples; ¼ cup brown sugar, ¾ tsp. nutmeg and the grated rind of one lemon. Cook slowly until the apples begin to get tender but not soft. Then add 2½ cups small cubed dry bread, and 1¼ cups small moist raisins. Mix thoroughly.

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Christmas Ice Cream

For this use a quart of rich vanilla ice cream and a pint of raspberry ice. Line a deep ice cube tray with an inch-deep layer of the ice cream. Follow with a lining of raspberry ice about ¾ of an inch thick. Fill the centre with sweetened whipped cream (about 1½ cups), mixed with fine-chopped nuts and marschino cherries. Cover with waxed paper; freeze for two hours at lowest temperature, and serve sliced."

"Madame," remarked the chef, after the final sip of the demi-tasse," this excellent coffee puts a final seal on a gustatorial experience that will not be forgotten."

Parker House Plum Pudding

The fruits for this pudding should be prepared in advance. They include ½ lb. seedless raisins, 2 oz. chopped citron, 4 oz. moist currants, and ¼ lb. dried figs, cut in small dice.. To them add ¼ cup brandy, white wine or white grape juice, and let stand overnight.

To make the pudding, beat 4 egg yolks until creamy. Add 1 cup sugar and stir until light and fluffy. Mix together 2 cups enriched flour, ½ tsp nutmeg, ¾ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp clove, ¼ tsp. mace and ½ tsp. salt. Then sift. To this add ½ lb. chopped suet and mix well. Stir this into the first mixture alternately with ½ cup heated milk. When well blended fold in 4 egg whites beaten stiff. Then add the prepared fruits which have been soaked overnight. Place in 2 oiled pint-sized moulds, or 1 quart-sized mould. Cover closely with waxed paper or aluminum foil, and fasten in place with adhesive tape. Steam steadily 1½ hours. Serve with hot brandy sauce, or a rich lemon sauce.

Trick of the Chef

Before broiling scrod or fish fillets, brush with melted butter and lemon juice; season with salt and plenty of paprika.

John Pruneau Buried January 4

LAC LA BICHE — The funeral of Mr. John Pruneau, an old-timer of this district, was held from St. Catherine's Church last Wednesday, January 4th. Mr. Pruneau was 86 years of age and first came to Lac la Biche about 1913. He had been living in retirement in town for the past few years, but more recently, failing in health, he went to Edmonton for treatment.

However, at his age, nothing very much could be done, and he passed away on December 31st.

The body was then brought to Lac la Biche for burial.

With his passing is thus severs another link in the chain of old-timers who were among the early settlers of the Lac la Biche district.



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